



2012 FILING SCHEDULE

For Traditionally Financed Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 12, 2012

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2012

TYPE OF REPORT	FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD
2012 January Semiannual*	January 17, 2012	Beginning of campaign – December 31, 2011
11-Day Pre-Primary	June 1, 2012	Beginning of campaign – May 29, 2012 <u>For candidates who filed a 2012 Jan Semiannual Report: January 1, 2012 – May 29, 2012</u>
42-Day Post-Primary	July 24, 2012	May 30, 2012 – July 17, 2012
42-Day Pre-General	September 25, 2012	July 18, 2012 – September 18, 2012
11-Day Pre-General	October 26, 2012	September 19, 2012 – October 23, 2012
42-Day Post-General	December 18, 2012	October 24, 2012 – December 11, 2012

*PLEASE NOTE: Candidates raising and/or spending more than \$500 by December 31, 2011 must file a January Pre-Election campaign finance report by 11:59 p.m. on January 17, 2012 showing all contributions and expenditures through December 31, 2011.

24-HOUR REPORTS

24-HOUR REPORT PERIOD	WHAT TO REPORT	WHEN TO FILE
For Primary: May 30 – June 11, 2012 For General: October 24 – November 5, 2012	Any single contribution* or expenditure of \$1,000 or more. Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time the obligations are made.	Within 24 hours, including weekends and holidays, of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure, incurring the obligation, or placing the order.

* PLEASE NOTE: Loans are considered contributions. A single loan of \$1,000 must be reported.

HOW TO FILE REPORTS

Using the Commission's Website. Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by April 16, 2012. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

Using Paper Forms. For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each original campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.